

# **Thomas B. Redding collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Redding, Thomas B., 1831-1895
<b>Title</b>	Thomas B. Redding collection
<b>Date</b>	1835-1918, undated
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Cubic feet 3 manuscript boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Thomas B. Redding collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Thomas Burton Redding was born in Henry County, Indiana on December 27, 1831. The son of Iredell and Anna (Nixon) Redding, Thomas graduated from Indiana Asbury University (now DePauw University) in 1857 and obtained a Ph.D. from Iowa Wesleyan University in 1881. Redding married Sarah W. Corrington (1831-1887) on December 2, 1858 and they had 3 daughters.

Redding taught at New Castle Seminary and worked as editor of the *New Castle Courier* before being admitted to the bar in 1857. He worked as an attorney for a brief time in Chicago, Illinois (1858-1860) and then returned to practice law in New Castle, Indiana. Redding specialized in collections, Civil War pension claims, and patents. In addition to his legal practice, Redding printed and sold county maps in Henry County and Racine, Wisconsin. He served as a trustee of DePauw University, was an active member of the Western Association of Writers, the American Society of Microscopy, the Royal Microscopical Society of England, and other scientific organizations. Redding died in New Castle on April 11, 1895.

Sources:

"Married." *Indianapolis Daily Journal* (IN), December 8, 1858.

*History of Henry County, Indiana: Together with Sketches of Its Cities, Villages, and Towns ... Also a Condensed History of Indiana, Embracing Accounts of Pre-historic Races, Aborigines, Winnebago and Black Hawk Wars, and a Brief Review of Its Civil and Political History.* Chicago, IL: Inter-State Publishing Company, 1884.

"Thomas B. Redding: He Was Not Drowned, but Died of Heart Disease." *New Castle Courier*(IN), April 19, 1895.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains correspondence, legal documents, receipts, and military papers ranging from 1834-1918 regarding Thomas Redding's legal practice in Henry County and Central Indiana. The legal documents in the collection consist of bills, promissory notes, checks, receipts, accounts, indentures, contracts, leases, deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, affidavits, wills, briefs, and other papers relating to a probate business. In addition to the papers from his legal practice, the collection contains insurance papers, correspondence, and account records regarding Redding's map business. The collection also contains Civil War pension correspondence (1862-1887) and some Indiana regimental records (1863-1865). Most pension correspondence is filed together, but some letters are filed with

Redding's other correspondence. Patents, drawings, sketches, and technical specifications relating to patent inquiries, claims, and disputes are included as well.

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## Arrangement

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Box 1 and 2 of this collection are arranged chronologically. Box 3 documents are arranged as follows: pension correspondence, alphabetically by last name of pension correspondent; military documents by regiment, then chronologically; other documents by subject, then chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Herbert Heller on 1959/06/19 and an unknown donor.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed in 1999 by Philip N. Williams; 2015/05/18 by Brent Abercrombie; 2016/10/11 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2016/10/12 by Laura Eliason.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L425: Thomas B. Redding collection, 1844-1897

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Henry County (Ind.)
- New Castle (Ind.)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Veterans--Pensions

### Subject(s)

- Lawyers--Indiana
- Legal documents
- Patents

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1834-1856	1	1
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1857	1	2
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1858	1	3
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1859	1	4
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1860-1861	1	5
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1862-1863	1	6
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1864	1	7
American Express receipt book, 1864-1866	1	8
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1865	1	9
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1866	1	10
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1867	1	11
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1868	1	12

Legal documents, 1868	1	13
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1869-1870	1	14
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1871	1	15
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1872-1873	2	1
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1874-1875	2	2
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1876-1877	2	3
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1878	2	4
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1879-1880	2	5
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1881-1883	2	6
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1884	2	7
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1885	2	8
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1886-1890	2	9
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1891	2	10
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1892-1893	2	11



Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1894-1895	2	12
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1896-1899	2	13
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, 1900-1918	2	14
Correspondence, legal documents, and receipts, undated	2	15
"A-B" pension correspondence, undated	3	1
"C-E" pension correspondence, undated	3	2
"F-G" pension correspondence, undated	3	3
"H-K" pension correspondence, undated	3	4
"L" pension correspondence, undated	3	5
"M" pension correspondence, undated	3	6
"N-P" pension correspondence, undated	3	7
"R" pension correspondence, undated	3	8
"S-Z" pension correspondence, undated	3	9
Military documents, 1863-1865	3	10

Receipts, 1844-1897, undated	3	11
Correspondence and legal documents, 1856-1890s, undated	3	12
Correspondence, 1863-1893, undated	3	13
Business forms, 1864-1869, undated	3	14
Estate and guardianship documents, 1866-1872	3	15